



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE WORLD'S CHALLENGE TO THE CHRISTIAN

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WHEN Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked the disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." St. Matthew 16:13-16.

I believe every one of God's children should sit still long enough to meditate on the question, "Do we actually believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?"

The world is heralding its challenge all along the way. And they have a right to challenge us as long as we fail and fall short of the Word of God. I turned that thought over and over again in my mind on this wise, "Nelson, do you believe that He is the Son of the living God?"

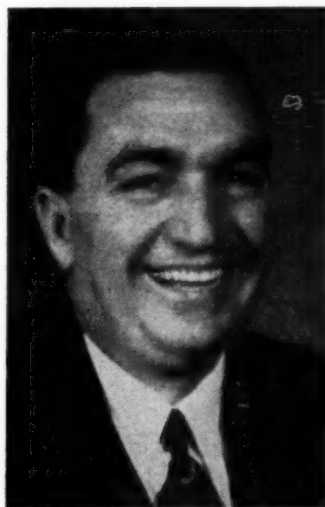
"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven."

Do we have this revelation as Peter did? Do we need our vision made clearer by a closer walk with God? If so, let us own the facts and plunge into God's grace.

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

It is true that hell will never prevail against God's Church. But, hell is turned loose against every child of God in the

whole world, trying to get them to doubt something Jesus taught while He walked the shores of Galilee, just anything to get you to doubt His (Jesus) teachings. "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Listen to Jesus as He asked the question of the twelve, after several had turned from Him because of His firm teaching: "Then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that



thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." St. John 6:67-69. He not only believed, but he said "we believe and are sure, that thou art the Christ the Son of the living God." The world is heralding its challenge. Are you sure He is the Christ; that He is the Son of the living God? I'll tell you, my brother, the greatest shouts are not going to prove it; the loudest praises are not going to prove it. How are we going to put down this challenge? Let us prove to this unbelieving world that He is the Christ; prove it beyond a doubt.

I am sure that everyone of us would answer "Yes" to the question, "Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ?" Then suppose they came back and said, "He said that you would do the works that He did and greater works because He went to His Father"? I believe He meant here that He would go to His Father and the responsibility was greater upon His disciples—and every child of God to win the millions to Him. But someone said, he meant greater works like Peter did, when his shadow made the sick whole. Remember, it was not Peter's shadow, it was Jesus that healed the sick. Peter said himself, "We believe and we are sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." He proved his faith by his works!

God wants us to prove to this unbelieving world that Jesus is the Christ, and that we get results when we serve Him. I think of the fourfold witness to Jesus. Even in His days He stood before the world and said, If you do not believe me,

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NOTICES

From the Field

The Hattiesburg, Miss. district convention will convene at Morgantown, Miss. March 29-31 inclusive. Brother J. L. Dorman, state overseer, will be in charge, assisted by the district overseer, D. C. Sharpe. Ministers, God is depending on you, so please don't fail us. Let's reach the goal by this time. Everybody is invited to attend. Churches, come on, let's try to have our \$1.00 per member, five per cent on missions, and our aged ministers' quota one hundred per cent, also don't forget to bring a mission offering. Let's make this one of the greatest conventions ever held in South Mississippi.—D. C. Sharpe, district overseer.

To the Y. P. E.'s, Sunday Schools and churches in Georgia: We have a wonderful string band in Georgia which will be a great blessing to your Y. P. E. and Sunday School. You can get them by only paying their expenses. Brother H. M. Duck is a minister of the Church of God and he and his band will be delighted to come to your place. For information write Brother H. M. Duck, Lavonia, Ga.—Roy Douglas, state superintendent, Box 782, Macon, Ga.

Rev. Thea Jones will begin a revival at North Rome, Ga., Church of God, March 17. We are looking forward to a great time in the Lord. The Lord is blessing in a wonderful way here, many have been saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.—S. W. Latimer, pastor.

There will be a special mission program at State Road, N. C. Easter Sunday night. Everybody is invited to come and bring your music and special singers.—Raymond Layell, State Road, N. C.

There will be all-day service at the Pine Top Church of God, Charleston, W. Va., Easter Sunday. All are welcome to attend. We have a good Sunday School at Pine Top and received the banner for January, which was the worst month of winter here.—Fred Means, clerk, Rt. 1, Box 365, Charleston, W. Va.

To the churches on the Hayesville, N. C. district: I have been appointed by Brother J. H. Daniels, our pastor at Shooting Creek, also our district pastor, as superintendent of the Y. P. E. and Sunday School for this district. We would like for the secretaries to be prompt to report to Brother Ralph Williams, Box 2581, Charlotte, N. C. God wants us to

be prompt when we do business for Him. We want each pastor in this district, if you do not already have a Y. P. E. at the church you are pastoring, to please get in touch with me and let's organize. If you want a church on fire for God and a good Sunday School, thereby endeavor to train the young people in whom we are interested and much in prayer for. The boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow. Let's be one hundred per cent in reporting.—E. P. Davenport, Shooting Creek, N. C.

To the Y. P. E.'s of Mississippi: This is to let you know that Morgantown is winner of the banner for the month of February. We are sorry that Poplarville has to give the banner up but maybe they will win it back next month. May the Lord bless you all.—Arlie M. Dorman, state superintendent.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Blacksburg, S. C. the first Sunday in April. Everybody is invited to come. We are expecting a great time that day. Pray for us.—B. T. Sprouse, pastor, Blacksburg, S. C.

Anyone knowing the address of Sister Marie Blankenship, I will appreciate it if you will send it to me.—Mrs. Linda Brown, 238 Hoitt Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

We have started a Church of God at Appalachia, Va. with Brother Otha Anderson as pastor. Pray that God will give us a real Church of God at this place.—H. L. Blanton, clerk, Big Stone Gap, Va.

The Maud, Okla. district convention will convene April 5-7 at Plainview church. Other churches of the district are Shawnee, Seminole, Cromwell, Maud and Oklahoma City. All pastors and their members are expected to attend. Let's do our best to rank with the hundred per cent class on all quotas. Our overseer, Brother Wood, will be in charge. Everybody is invited.—W. C. Hill, district pastor, Box 542, Maud, Okla.

WANTED: Two Christian workers this summer who want to work for God but do not have the finance, and who are willing to sacrifice for lost souls and the Church of God. I have the equipment and am ready to go.—W. I. Bass, Rt. 2, Fayetteville, N. C.

We will begin a revival March 17 at Aransas Pass, Tex. with Brother W. O. Boheler of Brunswick, Ga. doing the preaching. Brother Boheler is also a music teacher. Pray much for this revival and for the Lord to help us get a floor in our church by that time. You Christians near Aransas Pass, come over and help us. If you cannot come, pray. Pray much al-

so for the church here.—Roy J. Young, pastor, Aransas Pass, Tex.

To whom it may concern: My new address is Essie, Ky.—Waldron Asher.

We are announcing all the home-coming dates that have been set for the Dunn, La. district. The first will be at Holly Ridge, March 17; Dunn, March 31; Forrest, April 7; Epps, April 21. The purpose of these home-comings is to raise our quotas for missions, the quota being one dollar per member. I insist that all members of these churches who live away and can't be at the home-coming send their dollar as we want this to be a one hundred percenter.

The Dunn church has purchased a nice six-room parsonage since the Assembly and raised almost \$200.00 on it. However, we have a payment of \$100.00 due the first of April and any help from the members who live away will be highly appreciated.

Our district conventions will convene April 26-28 at the Dunn church. Everyone is invited to attend the convention and all home-comings and help us enjoy God's blessings and the good eats that will be at each place.—John D. Carter, district pastor, Dunn, La.

The McRae, Ga. district fifth Sunday meeting will be held at Center Grove Church of God March 31. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket of good eats and let's enjoy the day.—District pastor, J. L. Harrison, Milan, Ga.

On April 7 the Church of God No. 1, in Greenville, S. C. will have a special home-coming day. All former pastors and members have a special invitation to come and enjoy a special feast from the Lord with us.

Rev. Zeno C. Tharp, Superintendent of Education, and Rev. Earl P. Paulk, state overseer of Georgia, as well as our state overseer and state superintendent of Sunday School and Y. P. E., will be the principal speakers throughout the day.

Many of our professional and business friends will be here to help make up the huge congregation which will fill the largest church auditorium in the city. There will be hundreds of happy, blood-washed, Spirit-filled children of God to enjoy this occasion.

The new Chevrolet Sunday School bus (the largest can be bought) will head a motorcade of approximately fifty automobiles which will circle the city to help gather the throne in, while others will come from all over the country.

The morning service will consist chiefly of a Sunday School rally, sermon by Brother Paulk, and taking of a picture of the entire Sunday School as a group. The

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Shipwreck of The Soul

BY FANNIE S. FOSHEE

HOLDING faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck," 1 Tim. 1:19. This, as we know, is the great Apostle Paul's warning to a young minister of the gospel, Timothy, who, although he seemed strong enough spiritually, yet being human, there was a possibility of his falling or making shipwreck, as Paul terms it. Let's reason this verse out and see how it could be possible for us today to avoid making shipwreck of our souls.

If you were on board a great ship as she was being launched for the first time, you would doubtless receive a great thrill as it shot down the stays and plunged into the ocean. But after the momentary excitement of the motion of the ship, the cheering of the multitude, and the bestowing upon the vessel of a name, there would, no doubt, come the thought of the solemnity of the occasion. One could hardly keep from wondering what experiences lay ahead of her on her many voyages. For even the biggest and best encounter storms which often tear them asunder, or else damage them until they are hauled into dry dock for repairs.

We notice Paul, a man who knew a great deal of ships, seeing he made many long journeys by boat, likening the Christian voyage to a vessel on a storm-tossed sea where dangers of every kind are lurking. Even as there are dangerous rocks projecting out of the water, so are there certain rocks on which we may make shipwreck of our souls, if we are not watching. But God has placed a powerful lighthouse on each of these rocks and the warning signal burns constantly, warning all who come near of danger and death.

God has not sent us out on this uncharted sea without a map. It is clearly marked out for us and all we need to do is to follow its course and we shall some day land our little vessel in the harbor of God.

I. DON'T LOSE YOUR RECKONING

Paul tells of two ways of doing this. In the 20th verse he tells of two men who had made shipwreck.

A. By Putting Away Faith.

There are people who were taught to live humble, consecrated lives when they first started in this way, but who have allowed intellectual pride to come in. They have gradually put away faith and let other things come in that have stolen that sweet peace out of their hearts. These people have lost their reckoning. They were taught one must live wholly consecrated to God; that there was not to be any sin in their lives, but today these peo-

ple seem to do about any way they wish to and go on claiming this experience. Jesus said, "By their fruits ye shall know them." God help us to realize it isn't what we claim or what people think about us, but it's what God *knows* about us that counts!

When we received the Holy Ghost we received power for service, power to help us obey the things we read in God's Holy Bible. We spent hours in prayer and the study of the Word. We came to church with God's approval on our services because He had some clean, holy vessels to work through. Someone asks, "Why are our meetings so void of the power of God? We used to have such good times together." And here is part of the answer.

When many people go to church they look so much like the world that you have to hear them testify before you know which one they belong to—God or the devil. But Paul says in Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." You can never win a sin-loving, God-hating, hard-hearted world by stooping to do the things they do to entice them. They are getting all of sin and its pleasure they want as it is, but what will make them hungry for God is the old time religion, so satisfying the heart of the possessor that he can happily, yes, joyfully, live above the ways of the world. Why do the children of God turn to these things? Because they are losing faith in God. He is becoming a less reality, therefore they must turn to the world.

Pride, worldly pride, that makes a child of God want to do and act like the world, will surely undermine one's faith in God. This is one rock on which so many of our dear sisters are floundering, and has helped to sap the spirituality out of the Church. Many of them are too busy to spend any time in prayer and study, but do have time to spend hours beautifying themselves. Naturally, a spiritual drouth sets in and that one becomes weak and unfit for the voyage. Wise old Solomon says in Prov. 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

B. By Tampering With Conscience.

A fine ship came near being lost because her compass was not trustworthy. Someone had carelessly driven a nail in the pilot house near the compass which had deflected it a little. To be sure the deflection was slight, but in the width of an ocean voyage it made not a little difference in the direction of the vessel.

Just so it is with conscience. It can be

deflected by very small things. Therefore, we should act with decision in the smallest matters of duty to keep conscience true, lest we, like the vessel, start out for heaven's port with a conscience seared and untrue, and end up at an entirely different location, having made shipwreck of our souls.

It behooves us then to study our map thoroughly and do each thing it says. Some things are not easy to do, but, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

II. AVOID THE ROCKS

And here are a few:

A. Covetousness.

Here is God's lighthouse on this dangerous rock. Luke 12:15, "And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness," echoing God's command, "Thou shalt not covet." Many of God's people have lost their power with God because they have coveted worldly possessions. It may have been only a new car, a home, new furniture or new clothes, which in themselves are not wrong, but many of these dear people will so obligate themselves in getting them until they can't help the church by paying their tithes and offerings. When the minister mentions an offering or the tithing envelopes are passed around, they put on a long face and try to excuse themselves by innocently exclaiming, "You know my obligations, brother. Sorry, but I can't do anything." That was covetousness, brother, that caused you to tie your own hands so you could not help God's cause! Our obligations to God and His Church should always come first. So if you go to buy something and it will take any part of God's money to get it you don't need it and won't be happy if you do get it. "If you know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

B. Avoid the Treacherous Rock of Evil Company

God placed this danger signal here, "The companion of fools shall be destroyed." This is a sin more common among our young folk. Prov. 6:27, "Can a man take fire in his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?" Neither can a Christian keep sweet in his soul and run around with a worldly crowd. Some make the mistake of marrying a sinner and live to regret it the rest of their life. Jesus said, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" We all can answer, "No." Paul in 2 Cor. 6:14, 17 echoes this by saying, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Then after proving a Christian is not to be a companion of sinners, who are children of the darkness, he commands, "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and

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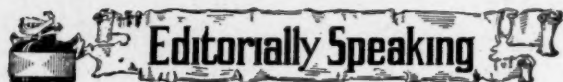
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A Desert Place

IN this week's installment of "Leaves from the Fig Tree" Brother Sullivan gives the story of articles in different periodicals commenting on the religious status of the world and the relationship of the Church toward it. The failure of the nominal church has been thoroughly disclosed. Though perhaps loath to admit it, they themselves know that the church (universally speaking) is almost a complete failure. One of the signs of the last days is that there will be a famine of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 8:11. But the chaotic condition, religiously, of the world does not excuse the Church from filling that important position that God intended she should fill.

When Jesus had been long preaching to a great multitude in a desert place, He noted that they were tired and hungry, and said to His apostles, Luke 9:13, "Give ye them to eat." The 12th verse shows that the place was a desert place, hence there was only one way for them to get something to eat and that was through a miracle performed by the Master through the apostles, for He said, "Give ye them to eat."

This is a true religious picture of the world today, for we are indeed in a desert place, the time when there is a famine for hearing the Word of God. The condition all the more vivifies, beautifies, and enhances the commission "Give ye them to eat." If the Church fails today it is not because of a lack of opportunity for opportunities are knocking at her door, and it is when the Church fails in her commission to take advantage of the opportunities that are offered to her, that she fails to be the Church of God. Opportunities are open doors, and these doors are opened to the Church of God. The commission is to the Church; the commission is to every God-called and God-sent preacher, that commission, "Give ye them to eat."

The preacher must share in this responsibility. In fact, he is the spokesman for the Church. He occupies the position relative to the body of Christ that the disciples did to their Master. As they were the servants to distribute that which gives life and strength, so the ministers of the Church are the servants of the Church, to deal bread to the hungry. "Man cannot live by

bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Idle tales, funny stories, and gesticulations that appeal only to the sentiment and to the emotions, is not the bread of life; but dealing out of the bread gives strength and prepares men and women to shout and rejoice and glorify God.

The first commission to the preacher is to give to those who are hungry and in a desert place. "Give ye them to eat."

Women Workers

FROM time immemorable there has been an opposition to women taking very much part in church work, especially in the spreading of the gospel. We have even been told that in the Old Testament women were allowed no part at all in such a ministry, and yet we find that though there was no special provision for them, they did work and that they did a wonderful work. It was a woman's mind that conceived the idea of building a parsonage on the wall for the prophet so that when he came by he could stay a while. Read 2 Kings 4:10. The wise men said of the true woman worker, Prov. 31:20, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reaches forth her hand to the needy." We also have a beautiful story of heroines in Israel such as Miriam, Deborah, and Jael. And then should we look in the New Testament we would find the woman that broke the alabaster box of ointment of spikenard very precious and poured it on Jesus' head. Luke 7:37. The woman anointed Jesus and washed His feet with tears and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Paul commended unto the church Sister Pheba, whom he said was a servant of the church at Cenchrea, Romans 16:1, and in Romans 16:3 he spoke of Priscilla and Aquilla as his co-laborers. The time would fail us to go into detail and tell of all those wonderful things that were done by women.

Let us take a look at our Church of God women. In the birthday issue of the Evangel two weeks ago there appeared an article, "History of the L. W. W. B.", by Mrs. S. J. Wood, who was founder of the auxiliary under that name, however, this does not mark the beginning of women's work in the Church of God for they had been working under various names prior to that time. But the way that this work has grown and the interest that it has created is certainly worthy of our notice. They have helped build church houses where we could worship, they have bought lots and built parsonages to take care of our preachers and their families, they have provided coal to keep us warm in those buildings that they have helped build. They have paid electric bills to provide lights for us, and this may be added, buying pianos, church furniture, parsonage furniture, and a multiplicity of other things. Just how these things are done is a story all of its own, but a report in this issue of the Evangel shows where the L. W. W. B. served soup to a company of 120 W. P. A. men and added with this physical service they say, "We are still working and praying, looking to God and expecting results." May God bless the L. W. W. B.

Religious Racketeering

THE history of our country is dotted with the stories of men who have seized upon opportunities to make religion a racket to further their own cause. Most of our readers, perhaps, are fa-

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The Bread of Life

"Give ye them to eat,"
The loving Master gently said.
"But how can we for we have naught
But fishes and some bread."

And thus His servants made reply,
For Him they did not understand
To have all power to provide
Both food and drink at His command.

"Give ye them to eat,"
The Master also says to you,
For man lives not by bread alone
But by His Word which men must do.

"Give them the bread of life.
The Word of God is that," He said,
"And it is plenteous with me
For I am that Eternal Bread."—E. L. S.

To The State Overseers

By J. H. WALKER, General Overseer

Dear Brethren:

Since completing a survey of the financial standing of all our states and making a careful comparison in the various departments of the Church's work, we are indeed happy to find that the work is showing splendid gains, for which we so thankfully praise God, and we appreciate the noble work done by you men and your faithful collaborators, by struggling against every opposition confronting you and overcoming them all with such overwhelming success.

There are several reasons why you are constantly forcing your way onward regardless of difficulties. I think, first, it is your fervent love for God and His Church that makes you work so hard because you just can't stand to see the cause you so dearly love neglected so as to fall behind in its progress. Your desire to see souls saved is also a great impelling motive and if the Church succeeds financially there will be more opportunities to take the message to the lost. The desire to rescue souls is, of course, a greater part of the minister's life. It is his assurance of remaining in the divine call to the ministry.

Further still, the success of the Church brings a source of joy to you for you always want the things you love to succeed; then, too, the Church's success is your success. Your family is more assured of the necessities of life, while you personally are encouraged with the opportunities before you to stand out among your brethren as one who can be depended on to promote the Lord's work—for no one desires to be connected with any organization that is failing, losing out and going down. His self-respect also demands his being progressive even if there were no rewards here for faithful services rendered to our matchless, adorable King.



NOTES

From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

From Brother J. B. Camp, overseer of Washington, Idaho, Oregon, comes these words:

"I was so happy to see the notice in the Evangel about the increase in Mexico. Truly the great Church is moving on like a mighty army, knowing that we are treading where the saints have trod.

"We are busy as you know. We have organized a work in Lewiston, Idaho; we have opened up another in Silverton, Oregon, organized a Sunday School there and expect to have a church there before long; also have opened up a work in Pocatello, Idaho. I think maybe we will be able to get a radio broadcast there. We are also at present building a portable tabernacle in Ellensburg, Washington. We have so many openings, but no one to fill them. I am using our young people to hold these works that we are starting until God can work on some to help us up here."

May God continue to bless and help in the far away Northwest.

The morning mail brings this good news from Greenville, South Carolina:

"You may be interested to know that the Sunday School here has bought the largest bus the Chevrolet people put out. Last Sunday we had forty-four cars following it, picking up people bringing them to Sunday School. This week-end we will install a loud speaking system on it. We have also bought a new tent, size 50x70, which will be here April 1, 1940. This last month, February, the church paid more tithes than it has ever paid in any month that just had four Sundays. The offerings this month from all sources were approximately \$1,100.00, (\$1,000.00 of this on the building fund).

"The first Sunday in April we expect to have a home coming, Sunday School rally, note burning, and picture taking. (We are going to break every Sunday School record that has ever been set.) We would like to have the General Overseer standing right by the biggest preacher (avoidupois) in South Carolina when the picture is made. Pray for us and come to

see us when you can. Your brother, A. V. Beaubé."

I am requested to request prayer for a sister in or near Blacksburg, South Carolina. This may seem rather indefinite but I understand she needs definite leadings from God.

"Dear Brother Walker: We, the Church of God in Indiana, are rejoicing over the great victory in old Mexico, and hope that the Lord will bless our good Mexican people and our Brother J. H. Ingram.—R. J. Staats, overseer of Indiana."

A Good Man Gone

On Saturday, February 24, about 2:00 p. m., Rev. D. A. Biggs departed this life. He was sixty-four years of age, having been a Christian since he was twelve. He belonged to the Methodist church until the year 1921 when he united with the Church of God and was ordained to preach. Since that time he has been a faithful member and a faithful minister of the Church. Whatsoever his hands found to do in the prosecution of his ministry, that he did with all of his might and power. The church he pastored always went over the top in all of its quotas. He was very prompt in his reporting and writing to his overseer, and often pointed with pride to the fact that his church was on top in everything.

Brother Biggs had a tremendous influence at home as well as with the public with which he came in contact.

There are six children living, four of them having the blessing and belonging to the Church of God. The boy, Donald, who has the blessing is a member and clerk of the Church of God at Knoxville. Bessie Jones, a daughter, is a minister and held several meetings with her father.

The church at Knoxville and the entire Knoxville district will greatly miss the ministry of Brother Biggs.

The funeral was preached by the writer who had long been acquainted with Brother Biggs and his family, and we look forward to a great meeting where there will be no more sorrow.—E. L. Simmons.

Another New Church

The Church of God at Oneonta, Ala. has a new building which was completed in October, 1939. Rev. Eldridge was formerly the pastor. Brother Green was a great help to us in building this church. The Willing Workers Band, although few in number, has been so faithful in helping build this church. This is a very beautiful little church; we have had many compliments on it. Rev. Frank Sides is pastor this year. We love him and his wife dearly.—Mrs. M. H. Elkins.

God's will must be done in us before it can be done by us.



Sunday, March 17

"Building of God."

Read 2 Cor. 5:1.

All things material and mortal are fleeting. The beautiful flower that blossoms and sheds its fragrance today, tomorrow drops its petals and is soon relegated to the past and is buried in the sea of forgetfulness. Not true with that which Christians' hope is founded upon. When John Adams was very aged, Daniel Webster visited him. In his conversation he asked, "Well, how are you getting along?" To this Mr. Adams replied, "I am a tenant in an old tottering structure and the landlord does not see fit to repair it." This is true of our natural bodies, but as Christians we have a hope of a building eternal in the heavens not made with hands.

Monday, March 18

"Believe in God."

Read John 14:1-3.

A wonderful hope founded upon a wonderful promise is that of a Christian. He may look beyond the trouble, sorrows and heartaches because there is something to which he, as a child of God, may look. The apostles were in such circumstances as these when Christ spoke to them, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God." Once a little girl was asked, "Aren't you afraid to go through that long cemetery?" Her face brightened up as she replied, "No, just beyond the cemetery is my home." Those who have lived for God and served God have no need to fear death or the silent abode of the dead for, after all, just the other side of death is home and those mansions which Jesus went to prepare.

Tuesday, March 19

"Did not profit."

Read Heb. 4:1, 2.

Faith in the Son of God is shown by one's works and when works are backed up by faith, there is nothing to hinder the progress of the Christian life. D. L. Moody once told of two men badly under the influence of drink who went to the river to cross to the other side. They

got into their boat and began at once to rowing. They pulled and pulled and pulled. Finally, when the day broke, they found that they had pulled all night and were on the same side of the river. It was all because they had never untied the boat. The Christian must be loosed from everything that would hold him or impede his progress, then his pulling will amount to something.

Wednesday, March 20

"By their fruits."

Read Matt. 7:15-17.

Elder Knapp was once showing in a sermon the difference between a mere professor and a genuine Christian. By way of illustration he said that if you should turn the former out of the church, he would act like a hog that turns round and tries to root the pen down, but that the other would be like a lamb that looks wistfully toward the fold and longs to be within its gates again. This is certainly a beautiful illustration for the child of God will not wish to destroy that which is upbuilding regardless of any treatment that he has received, but will long for a restoration of fellowship and communion with the saints. His love is unselfish.

Thursday, March 21

"Together in unity."

Read Psa. 133.

A group was once visiting a state insane asylum. After they had visited each building of the different classes of inmates, the leader of the group said to the keeper, "Aren't you afraid to stay here with all of these insane people? What if they would unite and come against you?" The keeper of the institution laughed.

"Unite," he said, "you never heard of crazy people uniting." So many times we have heard people say that a multiplicity of opinions and differences showed intellect, but this is not true in religion. Our intellect is proven greater by our union and the pleasure and pleasantness is beyond compare.

Friday, March 22

"Christ died for us."

Read Rom. 5:6-8.

A beautiful story may be told that because of love and devotion manifested on the part of a friend, and because of great material assistance in the time of need, one should give his own life to save the benefactor. But such a story of love and sacrifice fades into insignificance when compared with the picture of a loving, sympathetic, undefiled Christ giving His life for sinners and even for His enemies, yet such was the case, an unparalleled love.

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Question Box

Question: It seems to me that the Bible only teaches twelve apostles. Paul declares himself to be an apostle. Would not this make thirteen?—R. W. S.

Answer: There were twelve apostles chosen by our Lord to represent the twelve tribes of Israel, hence these twelve apostles were not only Jewish but were apostles to the Jews. Paul plainly declares that he was chosen as an apostle to the Gentiles. Even though he himself was a Jew he will have no part in the judgment of the twelve tribes of Israel. There are other apostles mentioned in the Bible as well as the twelve and Paul. James the Lord's brother is mentioned by Paul in Gal. 1:19. Barnabas is also mentioned as an apostle, so there are at least fifteen apostles mentioned in the Word of God.

Question: Please explain 1 Cor. 11:21, 22. Does this mean eating lunch in church?—Mrs. D. H. S.

Answer: The 20th verse says, "When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord's supper." The margin says "ye cannot eat the Lord's supper." It was not the Lord's supper because that in eating every one took before the other his own supper and were hungry and drunken. It evidently was taken at the place of service and was taken as the Lord's supper. The Apostle Paul tells them that because of their condition and their actions that it wasn't the Lord's supper. They had turned it into a place of revelry. The proof of this is the fact that immediately Paul gives the church at Corinth the order and the meaning of the Lord's table. No, it is not serving lunches in the church.

Question: Please explain St. Mark 9:42.—W. W. R.

Answer: The scripture in question is very plain. One of Jesus' disciples had just come to Him and told him that they saw others casting out devils in Jesus' name and forbade him. Jesus said, "Forbid him not for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name that can lightly speak evil of me." After giving such admonition Jesus said, "And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he were cast into the sea." Whether we wish to take it in such a manner or not we are responsible for our criticism of others who believe in Christ, if we offend them, even though they are not going along with us. The servant should be careful not to offend a believer, though the believer may not exactly understand that which the minister is teaching.



Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

Holding High the Blood-Stained Banner in Haiti and Dominica

Sister Kluzit and I have just returned from a five-day trip to visit Brother George L. Sylvestre in Ciudad Trujillo, the capital of the Dominican Republic, and have a splendid report to make of the Lord's work there. Brother and Sister Sylvestre are talented young people, well educated and consecrated to God. They have had a wonderful call to the Dominican Republic and God is truly blessing them in a marvelous way. The things they have gone through—the sacrifices they have had to daily make for months just to keep the work moving—the persecution from Catholics and even worse from other Protestant churches, including the Assembly of God and the Apostolic Faith, have been insupportable except for the grace of God.

I investigated and found that these other churches wanted to have this young man, who is so much on fire for God and gifted in preaching, work for them. But he stood true to the Church of God. Older men, leaders of these other Pentecostal churches, have been creating much confusion by their own misconduct and sinful lives, bringing disgrace to the cause of Christ. This young man, however, because of his stand for a pure and saintly life in Christ, has been attracting an ever-increasing group of believers about him.

Besides our main church in Ciudad Trujillo, Brother Sylvestre has three smaller meeting places in the city with a total of sixty converts. He is also starting a new work in Puerto Plata, about 200 miles away from his headquarters, and has immediate prospects of good work in two other places: Boca Chica and San Pedro de Macoris.

We had a beautiful baptismal service in the ocean, set the church in order with ten members, and held the Lord's Supper. There was a touching spirit of brotherly love and unity during the service of feet washing.

Our evangelistic services there were so well attended that I had to immediately have benches made. The little church holds seventy people at the most and is far too small for the attendance. The street outside was crowded with at least one hundred others who wanted to get inside. We looked for other quarters to move to, but the city is packed, with little room to spare, and rent is high, due to the

heavy immigration of refugees that have been pouring into the city every month. But we are praying the Lord to send us a larger hall and one more centrally located.

We felt at home among the brothers and sisters in the church and would have liked to stay longer. On our next trip, we are expecting to stay from ten to fifteen days.

After one evening service, twenty-two remained to be prayed with, and by the end of the four services we had held there with Brother Sylvestre, there had been a total of fifty-five who had been prayed with to be saved. This is a very needy field and people are hungry for the gospel, but, unfortunately, there have been so many false shepherds there that the people don't know where to turn to find the truth. Praise God, the Church of God is holding high the blood-stained banner of our Savior which stands for separation from sin! Some of the new converts had glowing testimonies, and one of them, after persevering in our prayer meetings, said, "I am so glad I came here—this is just what I have been looking for. I feel God is here!"

We ask your prayers for Brother and Sister Sylvestre who are laboring so faithfully in this difficult field.—Yours in Christ, John P. Kluzit, overseer of Republics of Haiti and Dominica.

Work Progressing in Barbados

Dear Evangel family, I am glad to be able to again send you a report of the way God is blessing and helping us here in His work.

Jan. 21 will long be remembered by the people of St. John's Parish, it being the day fixed for the dedication of the new meeting room at Bowmanstone Village. At 2:30 a bus arrived from the city with Bishops J. H. Marshall, C. N. Ford, and Elder Harding, and Evangelist Grimes and others. These were soon joined by Bishop J. B. Winter and Brother C. Weeks. The service commenced promptly at three o'clock, by the singing of that well-known hymn, "O God Our Help in Ages Past." This was followed by prayer by Bishop Marshall, after which the congregation sang, "Oh for a Heart to Praise My God." Then Elder Harding read the scripture lesson from 2 Chr. 6:18-42. A statement was read by Brother C. Weeks, who has charge of the work in this new field. The statement showed that the room

will cost about \$400.00 when completed. Up to the time of the dedication there has been spent on the building the sum of \$206.31, which has been raised as follows: by the St. John's folks, \$78.16; from other local sources, \$10.15; from the Mission Board, \$118.00, with a debt at the store now for material of \$81.00, and we still need about \$100.00 to finish it up.

Bishop Winter made an appeal at the dedication for money to help finish up the room, and in response an offering of \$4.50 in cash, and pledges to the amount of \$18.00 were made.

After singing that good old song, "O Christian, Look Up and Be Joyful," Brother Winter preached the dedicatory sermon. Bishop Ford lead the dedicatory ceremony and offered the dedicatory prayer. An invitation was then given, after which Bishop Marshall closed with prayer.

Dear ones, pray much for us here in this hard corner of your mission field.—J. B. Winter, assistant overseer.

Encouraged With the Work

PERDIDO, Ala.—We praise God for our good pastor, Brother J. J. Williamson, and his family. They are good, consecrated people. Our Sunday School is going good; it has an increase of sixteen for the past month. We have reorganized our Y. P. E. and the Lord has surely blessed our efforts. Our first service was the best I had ever been in.

We can't praise God enough for the good revival some time ago. There were about thirty-five experiences. Since then people have been coming from places miles away. One brother received the baptism with the Holy Ghost who lived twenty-five miles away. He had been coming every night. Since then he and two more have united with the church, making twelve new members to start the new year off with. We give God all the glory.

I do want to mention about the picture in the Evangel where "they" were all in prayer around the table; it certainly touched my heart. I had to stop and praise God for all of them and it's so wonderful to know they pray for us too. God help us to be faithful and somewhere working for Jesus when He comes.—Mrs. W. M. Byrd.

LEAVES FROM THE FIG TREE

An Interpretation of Current Events in the Light of Holy Prophecy

"Now, learn a parable of the fig tree: when his branch is yet tender and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh," Matt. 24:32.

By JUDGE SULLIVAN

The March issue of READERS DIGEST carries a very timely article on religion in America today. The title speaks eloquently of our spiritual condition, "The Light That Has Failed." The article points out that in the chaotic condition of the world today the church has signally failed to hear the inner voice. The church is charged with a gross failure to point to better, peaceful things. It is said that the ministry no longer speaks with authority. In other words, the world has rightfully lost confidence in the church. This lost confidence will not be regained, thinks this magazine. I quote: "We are asked to turn to the church for our enlightenment, but when we do so we find that the voice of the church is not inspired. The voice of the church today, we find, is the echo of our own voices. And the result of this experience, already manifest, is deep spiritual disillusionment. . . . There's only one way out: the sound of a voice, coming from something not ourselves, in the existence of which we cannot disbelieve. It is the earthly task of the pastors to hear this voice, to relate it convincingly to the contemporary scene, and to tell us what it says. If they cannot hear it, or if they fail to tell us, we, as laymen, are utterly lost. Without it we are no more capable of saving the world than we were capable of creating it in the first place."

This article was originally written by the editors of *Fortune*, the Magazine for big business men. The READERS DIGEST reprinted it. I would to God that we had the proper entree to say to these distinguished gentlemen that the Church of God can and does speak with the authority of God by the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. "Priests are preaching for hire." "Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof."

A front page article of Feb. 29 heralds the assurance that America will not become engaged in either of the present wars now raging in other lands. I quote: "Six months of the European war find American officials in charge of directing foreign policy more firmly convinced than ever that the United States will be able to stay out of this conflict." I hope the writer is correct. Of course, in a pre-

view of the tribulation period, we are told that when men "Cry, Peace, peace, then will sudden destruction come upon them," and the shadows of the tribulation hang heavily over us today. The world is too closely knit for us to hope that others can slay and kill and we and our interests remain unhurt. Even as I write this paragraph, I read that an English vessel has been attacked by a German submarine in American waters near the spot where our own President was fishing last week. The spirit of the Antichrist knows no boundary lines. In the event of war, God's people will know their place and stay there.

Westbrook Pegler, noted columnist and high-paid writer, has become a Bishop in some little jerk-water church. Pegler says the day is not far away in America when there will be a state church. In other words, the preachers will be instructed in their ministry by the government just as will the soldier. He believes that this is in the offing and says so boldly in his daily Column "Fair Enough." Pegler is probably right. I hardly think the Antichrist would be pleased with a Holy Ghost church. Pegler argues that if the government can and will force men to belong to a certain union that they can and will see to it that you belong to a certain church.

NEWSWEEK relates how one Texas Sunday School class raised their attendance from 13 to 280 in a few months. It was a "young folks" class. An arrangement was made whereby "dates" could be made with members of the opposite sex and, boom! up went the attendance. Ball games, dances, plays, shows, games of other sorts were arranged and the young people came. Sure, they came. "Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." I trust the Church of God will keep out of the show business. There are many who will agree with me that even in this sinful day the operation of the Holy Ghost will attract men and women to the house of God. Only last week in a Sunday School class I saw a man break down tearfully and beg for prayers. God saved him on the spot!

News has again come of the strange people in the state of New Mexico called Penitentes. They flay themselves with

whips until their backs are crimson and raw with their own blood. One pulls a heavy cart so laden that the ropes cut into the bare flesh. "One penitent, a man of extraordinary powerful build, has his entire torso tightly bound with branching cactus, his ankles shackled with heavy dragging iron chains. . . . Suddenly a man came out and proceeded to dig a deep hole. . . . Then a group of men carried out a small wooden platform on which stood the life-sized figure of Christ in a red dress. Others carried the cross. ON IT WAS BOUND A LIVING MAN. . . . For ten, fifteen minutes the figure hung there. Then the head suddenly fell forward, the body slumped, etc." Where? Here, in enlightened America. Such practices are carried on by the unknowing who desire to offer penance to God for their sins. "HE BARE OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BODY ON THE TREE."

"On earth distress of nations!" Those prophetic words from the lips of the Son of God are amply fulfilled in our day. There is hardly a nation under the sun that isn't in the war, preparing to go in or scared of the effect the war will have upon them and their people. This is, indeed, a distressful time. When was it to be? When were these things to come to pass? At the time of the Lord's return to earth again.

Easter, the Church's own day of triumph, is upon us. Had there been no "Easter" Christianity would have been doomed. On that day we celebrate the victory over death of our Redeemer. On that day let our people don the best clothing they have. Let our people look their best. It is a day of triumph, a day of joy and a day of gladness. Easter is our victory day. However, many children, according to a news release, know little or nothing about the real significance of Easter. To them it is a day for rabbits, eggs, etc. Oh, that we had the power to give the world the proof of the empty tomb! An unanswerable argument. "Come see the place where they laid Him!"

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IN THE MAILING ROOM

This is the last room and last department of the Publishing House to which material goes before leaving here on its way to the readers. There is always plenty to do here—wrapping books, printing matter and other material that goes out in the regular routine—but on paper day or the day on which the Evangel and state papers or the Lighted Pathways are wrapped, this room is exceedingly busy. You will note that hanging on the racks all around, with their mouths open wide, are the mail sacks. These sacks are labeled according to the states to which they are to bear their burden, and each state's mail is classified.

Standing at the extreme left in the picture is Sister A. L. Million, wife of one of the deacons of the local church at Cleveland, a sister to the late F. J. Lee, former General Overseer of the Church of God who has been dead for several

years. Sister Million has been working at the Church of God Publishing House for fourteen years and during that time has been in charge of the book room. Only a very small part of the book department can be seen in this picture.

The lady seated at the machine at the extreme right is Sister F. J. Lee, the widow of our former General Overseer. Sister Lee is the operator of the addressograph, a machine which addresses all the Evangels. This is a wonderful machine. With a press on the pedal, Sister Lee addresses the Evangels in rapid-fire order, the stencils passing through a slot and under needles which sort them out and as the subscriptions expire separates the stencils. One cannot appreciate its working without watching it in its operation. Sister Lee has been with the Publishing House for

eight years. She is the subscription clerk and has a little office where she takes care of all subscription files. These subscriptions, when sent in to the Publishing House, are first filed as they are sent in. They are also entered on cards and filed alphabetically. And they are placed on stencils and filed alphabetically by towns. So there is a triple record of all the subscriptions to the Evangel coming into the Publishing House, and considering the large number of subscriptions handled, there are very few complaints that come in from people having not received their papers. Most of these complaints have been traced to irregularities in delivery or improper addresses being sent in. Sister Lee is a very efficient subscription clerk.

Fartherest back in the picture, seated, is Sister Della Hyberger who is the oldest

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BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

A New Church Reports

FAR ENOUGH, Jam., B. W. I.—Dear readers: Kindly accept heartfelt greetings in the precious Holy Ghost. I am glad to express the gratitude of my heart in appreciation of our new church and parsonage. Thank God. The Lord has been so wonderfully good to us. He worked through our pastor in behalf of the good old Church of God. This church opened Dec. 29. There was appointed special officials to officiate at the opening of the doors and windows.

We thank God for the way He worked. We just entered our new church in the new year, with a new determination to serve the Lord better. Just a few hours after the closing of this meeting our state overseer arrived. He was with us that night and the next day for conference, making plans to carry on the work of God, for which we thank God. I can say with joy that we are pleased with our church. From the time of the church opening we have been having a revival, souls have been saved, sanctified, etc.

Pray that our church will be prosperous and we will be always having good reports. Pray for me.—Estella Walters.

God Blesses in West

STITES, Idaho.—Dear Evangel readers: Greetings in the name of Jesus our Redeemer. During our watch night service I seemed to get a fresh vision of the great need, especially here in the Pacific Northwest. Truly the harvest is white and laborers are so few.

Since being in this section I have expressed the desire to be a different person so that I might fill some of the needy places. As I view the situation I get a picture that reminds me of the land of Palestine from the time of Joshua's speedy conquest to the time of David. This country has been gone over by holiness preachers and many have accepted the Lord, being saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. But alas, the army that swept the country taking it by storm has withdrawn and for lack of organization to weld them together much that was conquered has gone back into the hands of the enemy. The same battles wait to be fought again. The Church of God with her organization, and government, is a welcome refuge to many.

The people are hungry to be taught. At the little town of Stites, Idaho, they remind me of the people at Berea. It is a little church, only nine members when we came, but it was no trouble to get a class of about fifteen or twenty to study Hurlbut's Teacher Training Course. God

has blessed our efforts since being here. There have been eight saved, five sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost with fourteen added to the church. The church has increased in every department. To God be all the praise.

I am just praying that God will stir the hearts of some of the preachers in the South who are crowded for room to work, and send them this way.

Pray for us that God will continue to bless and that we will have strength to keep in the battle.—Frances L. Dekle, Box 54.

Dunn Trio Sings

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—Just a note of praise to God for sending the Dunn Trio from the B. T. S. to our church this past week end here in Knoxville. We had a wonderful service Saturday night. Our Y. P. E. is growing and God surely did bless them. A good Baptist woman was there and she enjoyed the soul-inspiring songs so well she asked them to stop at her house after the service to sing for her husband. In the first song God began to bless. This mother called her daughter on the telephone so she might hear the trio sing. It seemed for a while heaven came right down there in that room.

Brother Wroten was telling these people how wonderful it was when the Holy Ghost took charge of his vocal organs and began to speak. Then waves of glory did roll! Praise His name! It not only showered but rained heaven's honey right down. After this great blessing the mother asked to speak to her daughter. Her husband answered and said, "She was running from one room to the other." God was blessing there too. Oh, bless the Lord.

The father of this home asked us to pray with him. He said he did not enjoy his religion like we did. He wants more of God's goodness. After the prayer he laughed and cried and said he felt much better. We thank God for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister G. W. Messer. We are planning to build a new church this year, so pray that God will help us and give us souls.

We feel honored to have the Dunn Trio visit with us and with a hearty welcome we anxiously await their return. Pray for our church.—Mrs. Roy E. Clinton, R. F. D. 7.

Fifteen Received Blessing

GUTHRIE, Okla.—I praise God that we are still on fire for God. The church was set in order September 5, 1937 with

seven members. Now we have fifty-five. In the last two months fifteen have been saved and one sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and nine added to the great Church of God. Brother Jimmie Myers, our pastor, and Brother Oscar Dodson have been preaching some good, spiritual sermons, and have fed our hungry souls on the bread of life.

Pray for Brother and Sister Tom Anthon; they live in California; have been there two years and there is no church close to Santa Cruz, Calif. They are real true blue Church of God. Brother W. O. Dodson and I visited them last July. They want to get a Church of God in Santa Cruz so pray much for them.—Cordie Dodson, clerk, 410 W. Washington.

Still on God's Side

WALTERBORO, S. C.—I praise the Lord for victory in my soul. The Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost August 17, 1938, in a revival which Brother J. P. Carter was running, and I thank God for the many prayers Brother Carter prayed for me. I also truly thank Him for a praying father and mother, Brother and Sister L. M. Bishop of Walterboro. They prayed so many years for their unsaved children and now I am saved and a member of the Church of God, but I have an unsaved sister and brother who need salvation. Please pray for the Lord to come on the scene some way and save them before it is too late.

Brother and Sister Bishop have just closed a tent meeting in Walterboro. They had as their helpers Sisters Earl Lee and Audrey Suggs. The meeting gave me a greater determination to go with the Lord and be a willing worker for Him. Praise the Lord. Please pray for my unsaved husband that the Lord will save him.—Sister Theela Craven.

L. W. W. B. Serves W. P. A.

LITTLE RIVER, Mo.—We praise the Lord for the way He has answered prayer and blessed us here at the Church of God at Little River, Mo. How we do praise Him for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. W. King, who came here from Knoxville, Tenn. The wonderful messages Brother King has brought us have really been food to our souls.

We organized an L. W. W. B. here last spring and we surely have had the Lord's approval on the things we have done. We furnished our new parsonage, bought a piano for the church, wired the parsonage, bought light globe fixtures for church and several other items for which we praise the Lord.

Our women are like the women spoken of in Ex. 35:25, "willing to work." We have sold pies and candy, and made soup and served to a company of W. P. A. men, about a hundred and twenty in

number. We are still working and praying, looking to God and expecting results.—Mrs. Jimmie Bullock, president L. W. W. B., Box 416, Gobler, Mo.

Deaf Saved and Baptized

PENSACOLA, Fla.—I take this means of expressing our appreciation for the fine group of members and friends I have found out here in West Florida. On arriving here we found a body of people who are determined to serve God and, that being in my line of business, it has been easy for us to have that sweet fellowship which is such a necessity in having the blessing of the Lord upon us. He has blessed in such ways that we know through faith and things seen that God's the Master of sin. Bless His name!

Since the Assembly we have had the privilege of seeing five precious people baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire, of which one was a sister who sought Him for eighteen years and another of the five was a deaf and dumb lady who was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost in last Sunday night's service. It was a grand and glorious sight to see and hear the Holy Ghost as He moved on her and used her tongue to glorify the Father. We ask the Evangel readers to pray for this precious lady that God might heal her infirmities if it could be to His glory.—Brother and Sister T. J. Durrance.

Large Mission Offering

Dear Evangel readers: So many times we hear people say that God is not blessing in our services as He once did, but I wish to sound a note of praise to Him for a great and wonderful convention that convened in Easton, Md., the 15th, 16th and 17th of February. Oh, how we praise God and give Him the glory for the mighty outpouring of the Holy Ghost.

The convention opened Friday evening with the churches on the Easton district being represented. God blessed from the beginning of the service. Brother J. M. Foshee, pastor of the Grasonville church, brought us a wonderful message.

Saturday we enjoyed messages from different speakers, and oh, how we could feel the great power of God in our midst. During the Y. P. E. service Saturday evening we had to wait while the people were shouting and praising God.

Our beloved state overseer, Brother W. J. Milligan, preached for us. Throughout the entire services there was a weeping spirit upon the believers. We thank God for our good overseer and feel that he is a God-sent, Spirit-filled man.

Sunday how God blessed! In the morning Brother Sorrow preached. We could feel the Lord with us. In the afternoon the mighty outpouring came. Though the church was packed with people, there was room to shout and praise God; the very heavens seemed to open and show-

20 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

An editorial: Monday morning, March 15.—The work of excavating for the new auditorium actually commenced. I see the men and teams as I look out of the window where I am writing this note,

ATLANTA, Ga.—I am a little girl twelve years old, saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost, also a member of the Church of God, and on my way to heaven. Glory to God! I want to praise God for His wonderful healing power. He has healed me of double pneumonia. All of us take the Lord for our healer. I want all the saints of God to pray that I may stand true till Jesus comes.—Your little sister in Christ, Ruth Holt.

Notice: To all the members of the Church of God at Golden Valley, N. Dak.—We desire for each to report your spiritual condition to the clerk, and whether "one member suffer all the members suffer with it, or one member be honored all the members rejoice with it," 1 Cor. 12:26. May the God of peace grant thee to be likeminded and bless thee as each reports.—Your servants in Jesus, Mrs. Ella Van Duenter, clerk; Joseph Barker, pastor.

Oklahoma.—J. W. Buckley of Sapulpa, Okla. reports: Brother Burke has been with us two weeks. God blessed wonderfully. A church was set in order with five new members and one added since. We had the Lord's Supper and washed feet.

ered blessing upon blessing upon us. Our state overseer was to preach on missions but the Holy Ghost took charge and without any preaching and with very little persuasion a mission offering was raised which amounted to \$101.05. Praise our God, He is still above! We also raised \$12.55 for the orphanage.

Sister Marie Jewell then brought us a message. Again and again the power would fall while she was preaching. God surely anointed her for the message. Hearts were melted together and we were drawn closer to each other and to God by the message and by the convention.

We do praise our good pastor and district overseer, Brother R. F. Koshewitz, for his untiring efforts in his work here. He deserves much credit, as do the other pastors on the district, for his cooperation and help. Each one went away saying he was determined to work harder for our Lord and to put the work over here in the state. God is still the same yesterday, today and forever. He is still blessing His

children and leading on to victory. One man said he had been in the way for fifteen years and had never seen such a wonderful convention before.

Just a few words about the service Sunday night. The Holy Ghost again took charge and four souls were saved. Let us continue to look up and press on until Jesus comes.—Thelma Mullikin, Easton, Md.

Putting Things Over

SALE CREEK, Tenn. — "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." This saying may truly be applied to our little church. During the past thirteen or fourteen months Sale Creek has been doing more for the Lord than in many years. God has wonderfully worked. There has been a W. W. B. organized, also a Y. P. E. The members are on fire for God and we are doing our very best to let our light shine for God and His Church.

We also praise God for our pastor, Brother Roy Dagnan. He is so humble, patient and good that it makes us feel like helping him put things "over the top." Praise God.

Pray for us that our little band here at Sale Creek may continue to grow and prosper.—Sister Frances Fuller.

Church Revived

A week's meeting just closed at Cove Chapel church. One was renewed in the Spirit. We feel that much good was accomplished. The church seems greatly revived. Brother H. T. Miller did the preaching. The church here learned to love him.—Mrs. Heber Brumley, Daisy, Tenn.

S. S. and Y. P. E. Convention

The Asheville, N. C. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention convened Feb. 11 at Luther, N. C., J. M. Hodge, officiating, assisted by our district overseer, Brother V. D. Combs. There was a good delegation from most every local church, each having a splendid report. The Spirit of the Lord prevailed throughout the entire service. At times it seemed the very building vibrated under the pressure of the many happy Spirit-filled people who laughed, shouted, ran, leaped and danced under the anointing of the mighty power of God. Quite often we were favored with special music, solos, quartets, trios, etc., which, of course, just saturated our souls.

Second to none, a complimentary phrase used often by our superintendent, was like apples of gold in pictures of silver, describing the various things of concern. Well, to be frank, I haven't the ability and words to tell of all the marvelous treat, nevertheless I can say I have attended quite a few conventions of this

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PRAY FOR—

Me to be healed of a nervous disease. I have had one nervous breakdown and it seems I am about to have another one. I also have an unspoken request.—Elsie Wells, 516 W. Vine St., Knoxville, Tenn.

Some friends to be saved; me to be healed of a cold.—W. M., Honea Path, S. C.

God to heal my head; special request; our little church.—Mrs. Addie Frederick, Millstone, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Sister Grace L. Moore, 32 Wadsworth St., Thomaston, Maine.

The healing of a neighbor, Mrs. Abe McCarrah, Rt. 2, Siloam Springs, Ark., of ulcers of the stomach. She will appreciate anointed cloths and encouraging letters.—Sarah A. Patton, Star Rt., Siloam Springs, Ark.

A neighbor to be healed of the dropsy. She also requests an anointed cloth.—Mrs. M. A. Cox, Piedmont, Ala.

The healing of my wife, son and me of a blood and skin trouble.—Williard Cranmore, Flattop, Tenn.

The healing of my head and nose, also my limbs; a sister in the Church; my children to be saved; one of them to be healed.—Mrs. Carrie Cantrell, Rt. 2, Calhoun, Ga.

The healing of my body; God to relieve a hurting in my side and back.—Mrs. S. M. Smith, 317 York St., Kannapolis, N. C.

The healing of my nerves and body; unspoken request; my faith to be increased; my home to be a home of prayer.—Mrs. H. P. Shealy, 904 Grove St., Johnson City, Tenn.

The healing of my body; my husband to be saved.—Sister Ethel Angel, Combs, Ky.

My daughter who is in the hospital in a serious condition to be healed, if the Lord doesn't undertake she can't last much longer; that she will be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mary Webster, Signal Mountain, Tenn.

Sister Rosia of Tovey, Ill. to be healed of a long standing affliction.—Olen Greathouse, Kincaid, Ill.

Our church here and that we can have a revival; me and my husband to stand true.—Naomi McKinney, North Cove, N. C.

My body to be healed, I need help badly; me to receive the Holy Ghost; my family to all be saved.—Herman Cooper, Whittier, N. C.

My husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost; our children to be saved;

the healing of my body.—Mrs. R. F. Carroll, 808 N. Market St., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Me to be healed of some kind of suffering with my heart; the revival at Carlisle, Pa.; Newville church.—Mrs. P. R. Walker, Broad St., Newville, Pa.

The healing of my body; my lost loved ones to be saved; my husband to be delivered of a habit; me to get closer to the Lord; the healing of Sister Edward's body.—Inez Patrick, Cleveland, Miss.

Me to get closer to the Lord and be an overcomer; the healing of my afflicted body of some kind of nervous spells and heart trouble, also other ailments. Anointed cloth and encouraging letters appreciated.—John Eagerton, Rt. 1, Box 328, Arcadia, Fla.

Our daughter, Bertie Mae, who is seriously ill to be healed.—Mrs. Pleas Richers, Box 1469, Midland, Tex.

Unspoken request; a cousin to be healed of absent mind; my husband, boy, brothers, a dear friend and other loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. R. L. Langdale, Rt. 4, Box 136, Lake City, Fla.

The healing of my baby; my children to be saved; Sister Sellers' baby to be healed; her husband to be saved.—Sister Viola Combs, Combs, Ky.

My daughter to find work; two friends to be saved; the healing of my body; unspoken request.—Nanie B. Nash, Palace Hotel, Bartlesville, Okla.

We never get to attend spiritual services, so pray for me and mine; my children to be what He would have them be; the complete recovery of my daughter who suffered almost a nervous prostration.—Frankie N. Lucas, Rt. 2, Montevallo, Ala.

The healing of my body. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Joe Smith, Savage, Miss.

The healing of my side and other troubles. Encouraging letters appreciated.—Mrs. J. H. Cobbs, 175 Pound St., Toccoa, Ga.

Special request.—Mrs. Linda Brown, 238 Hoitt Ave., Knoxville, Tenn.

The healing of my body of a skin trouble.—Mrs. M. R. Berg, Pelican Rapids, Minn.

Two unspoken requests.—Leo Edgar, Lansing, Mich.

A heavy burden to be lifted some way; me to get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. Ellen Rackley, Trion, Ga.

My son to be saved and healed of heart trouble.—Mrs. D. H. Linville, Erwin, Tenn.

The healing of my body; me to overcome a severe test through which I am going; my lungs and heart to be strengthened; my children, loved ones and friends to be saved; me to stay humble.—Mrs. Samuel M. Estep, Rt. 2, Box 128, Elizabethton, Tenn.

My boys to be saved; the healing of my body; the healing of my father and baby; the healing of Brother Wayne Calvin and Sister Viola Coleman; us to be humble and faithful; our church.—Thursa Daugherty, Jamboree, Ky.

The healing of my body; God to have His way with me.—Miss Lutrell Ranew, Rt. 2, Cobbtown, Ga.

The healing of my body; the healing of my broken arm; the healing of a friend; me to get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. A. C. Summers, Prichard, Ala.

Me to be healed of tonsillitis and acidosis; the healing of mother's body; Mrs. Juary Boyley to be blessed through her troubles and saved. Anointed cloths and letters appreciated.—Mrs. Myrtice Wolfe, Rt. 2, Nicholls, Ga.

My little boy who has been having bad spells to be healed. Fast and pray, if led.—Leatha Hasting, Rt. 2, Scottsboro, Ala.

My mother, Mrs. A. H. Whittington, who is very weak. This is urgent, so fast and pray, if led.—Mrs. A. D. Gammill, Rt. 3, Meadville, Miss.

The healing of my body, I am in a very nervous condition. — Nadyne Clouse, Marked Tree, Ark.

Friends and loved ones in sin to be saved; me to ever be true.—Miss Florence Petty, Rt. 3, Wake Forest, N. C.

The Lord to restore me to normal health. I have some kind of lung trouble. Some say if it isn't T. B. it is the next thing to it. I can't do my housework half of the time and the least exposure puts me in bed most of the time. If led, please send me an anointed cloth. Me to gain more faith and stay humble; my unsaved loved ones.—Mrs. Minnie Raulerson, Rt. A, Box 61, Sanderson, Fla.

Please pray for me, I need your prayers. I am still bearing the cross and trying to smile. We don't miss each other until we are parted. You sisters please write me.—Eliza Kendall, Rt. 2, Vine Grove, Ky.

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Opportunity

Galatians 6:10

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

As I sit meditating upon the Word of God and thinking of many of the good blessings He has bestowed upon me, I am indeed grateful to the Lord for permitting me this wonderful privilege and opportunity to attend B. T. S. this term. I well remember how I prayed and begged God for this opportunity. I realize there are many, yes hundreds of young people of today, who would be happy indeed to be permitted to have this opportunity.

When I left my home to go to the Assembly I didn't know I was going to get to go to Bible School, but thank God, the Lord knew all about it. Many times when I get to thinking about how the Lord has blessed me by letting me come to B. T. S. my heart is overjoyed. Feeling my inability to do the work for the Lord that I feel He would have me do, I am made to realize that it was God's plan for me to be here. There are probably many people today who, if they would look up to God and in faith believing breathe a prayer to God for His guidance in their lives, would be a great blessing to lost souls with the many others who are in the will of the Lord. There are many young people who haven't had the opportunity that I have had to be reared in a Christian home. Mother and father received the Holy Ghost when I was three years of age and became members of the Church of God, for which I am thankful and grateful to God.

If any young people who read this have an opportunity to come to B. T. S. and have hesitated to come, thinking the school was not so spiritual, let me bid you come to the Church of God Bible Training School, where there is such a wonderful, spiritual atmosphere, where you can get in touch with God at any time. Surely the B. T. S. is a wonderful place to be, where prayer is offered seven times each day. Prayer is offered before every class.

Surely this is a place for students to be uplifted and drawn nearer to God.

My request is that every one who reads this will pray for me that God will have His own way in my life and that my will will be lost in God's will.—One who wants to please God, Mary Dearman, Shaw, Miss.

The World's Challenge to the Christian

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believe me for the very *work's* sake. The fourfold witness:

1. "Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.

2. "But I have a greater witness than that of John: for the *works* which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bare witness of me, that the Father hath sent me.

3. "And the Father himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape. And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath sent, him ye believe not."

4. "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they which testify of me." St. John 5: 33-39.

The first witness was John the Baptist; the second, the works that Jesus did; the third, the Father; and the fourth, searching the scriptures. He was not referring here to the New Testament scriptures as it had not been written then. He was referring to the Old Testament scriptures concerning Him, and He was the only one whereby they could obtain eternal life.

I would to God that I could get this to you the way it is burning in my own soul. Are we ready in the name of Jesus to meet their challenge and prove to them by facts that we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior of the world? It is one thing to say you believe and another thing to produce the goods. When you say you believe, it is time for you to get to the place you possess what you profess. It brings to my mind when that man of God, John Wesley, stood on his father's tombstone and preached the Word, after he had been kicked out of college. I know this kind of preaching hurts. It makes me feel like falling in the altar and crying out to God for more faith, asking Him to help me.

Yes, there is a fourfold witness to Jesus: first, John; second, works that Jesus did; third, the Father, and fourth, even the scriptures testify concerning Him. But somebody says, "I know I believe in Him, I felt His presence today." But the question is, Do we believe in Jesus enough to produce the goods, to prove that we do believe what He taught? You do not and can not believe in Him without believing what He taught. "We know, and we are sure," Peter said, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Now let us see if we are living in 1 Peter 1:21-23.

"Christ also suffered for us, leaving us

an example, that we should follow his steps who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth. Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again." He didn't retaliate, didn't try to get even. My brother and my sister, treat this lightly if you like but you will meet it at the judgment bar of God. We have never had more communism, skepticism, and infidelity than we have today. The enemy is doing his best to get us to slow up. You know as well as I that a *peg-legged man cannot run as fast as a man with two legs*. Friends, if every child of God believed Him as he should there would be no asylums, hospitals or penitentiaries. God has the *dynamite*, God has the fuses, and God has the *fire* to set it off. God has everything we need! God has the *power*. God has the *remedy*, and all this is in *Jesus!*

I have come to the conclusion that *there is something for us to do*. I do believe and I am sure that *He is the Christ to my satisfaction*, but when I prove that to this unbelieving world that is trying to destroy the faith every Christian has in God, I will see greater results. I want to see people come to God, but only when we prove we believe in Him are we going to see this in a greater degree.

He said, "Peter, the gates of hell shall not prevail against my church." Remember, Jesus has been building that Church since the day of Pentecost. He is building it now. The gates of hell shall not prevail—which means shall not entirely overcome. It is the people that stand firm for God (the best they know how) that are proving they believe in Him.

Can you say, "I know and I am sure that thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"? In the Greek, Christ is "Krispis" meaning King—yes, our King whom we serve. In the Hebrew, "Jeshosua" means Savior—He came to save us from our sins. Matt. 1:21.

If we have talked about any one, said something we should not have said, we should go to him and fix it. If it was necessary in days gone by it is necessary today. Don't you think so?

Any one who professes Christianity and has listened to this statement and criticizes it, has no religion, but is a hypocrite.

Yes, we have a great time serving God but what we need to do is to get ready to combat the challenge from this wicked world, and unless we believe what Jesus taught, and practice it, we are not going to prove to this unbelieving world that He is the Christ. You may "get by" some people here but you are not going to get by God. You are going to face facts when you face God. We might as well face facts now and not be forever and eternally getting ready to do something—let's do it. Brother, I believe with all my heart that God would have us prepared at any time to be ushered into His presence. Don't

you think so? Remember Jesus is coming for those that are ready and are looking for Him.

I once made a statement in a service: "Everybody that has the Holy Ghost and is ready to go if Jesus were to come right now, stand." A lady (who had the reputation of talking about every one in the neighborhood) came to me afterwards (she claimed to be filled with the Holy Ghost) and said I was unfair in making the proposition. I asked her if she had the Holy Ghost. She said she did. I told her anyone that had the Holy Ghost should be ready to meet Jesus any time. Do you think this unfair? Let's be ready. Jesus may come any moment.

Shipwreck of the Soul

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touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you." They walk the downward road and we the highway to the city of God!

C. Avoid Irreverence for the Sabbath

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy," so wrote God on the tables of stone in Exodus 20:8. So important was it that man keep this day that God placed it next to the first two commandments which deal with the greatness of God and how to avoid displeasing Him. The Sabbath is a day when everything else should be secondary, and the worship of God, in reading His Word and prayer, should be carried out regularly by all God's children. Therefore, it is irreverent to sleep on Sunday morning when you should be at church. All the week we work to provide the needs of the body, but have little time to provide spiritual food for the soul. Is it then asking too much of God's children to insist they go to God's house and feast on spiritual things this one day of the week? It is wrong for God's children to allow themselves to be knocked out of coming to church by little trivial things. God help us to worship God on His day!

D. Avoid the Rock of Spiritual Procrastination

We know what God demands of us as children of God. God help us to put off all things that might hinder us in our race for God. John said in Rev. 20:6, "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection." We can neither be blessed nor holy unless we obey God's will. For God's Word says, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." Then Jesus winds the whole thing up for us by saying, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?"

God help us, as blood-bought, Holy Ghost-filled, fire-baptized saints of the Most High God, to live in a way that our vessels may safely land on yonder shore and drop anchor in the harbor of God.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

NOTICES

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afternoon service will be the time for the burning of notes which were made during the time of the new addition, and short speeches by professional and business men and our church officials. The evening service will be favored with a sermon by Brother Tharp and another musical feast by the old Radio Quartet; namely, E. L. Landreth, Elmo Harmon, C. B. Hall, and B. C. Robinson, with Mrs. Elmo Harmon at the piano. This quartet will also put on a special musical program Saturday night, April 6, at 7:00 p. m.—A. V. Beabe, pastor; L. W. McIntyre, assistant pastor.

To the members and friends of the Church of God at Largo, Fla.: We will have a home-coming at the church at Largo March 24, the fourth Sunday. We want every member present for this occasion. We would also like to have all ex-pastors. Since this may not be possible, I want each former pastor to write us a line of greeting to be read that day. All members who can't attend are asked to send \$1.00 each to help us raise our state budget assessment.—T. M. McClendon, pastor.

To the pastors in Tennessee: I am in the evangelistic work this year and stand ready for calls. You have perhaps already read in the Evangel how God is blessing and saving souls. I would like to confine my work to Tennessee altogether this year, and I will do my best to prove a blessing to your church and win souls for Christ. You may get in touch with me at 616 Rosedale Ave., Morristown, Tenn.—J. F. Lowe.

The district convention for the Thomasville, Ala. district will convene at the Church of God at Thomasville, Ala., March 22-24, beginning Friday night, 7:00 p. m. The following churches take notice: Nicholasville, Half Acre, Sunny South, Oak Grove and Selma. Do your best to be able to report one hundred per cent on everything required.—J. A. Brown, district pastor, Box 153, Thomasville, Ala.

Since Brother Tucker's death my address is changed from Lanett, Ala. to 8705 3rd Ave., N. Birmingham, Ala.—Sister John T. Tucker.

To the Y. P. E's and Sunday Schools of the Harrisburg, Pa. district: This is to notify you that Jimmie Lou McClure, 2432 Market St., Harrisburg, Pa. has been appointed district Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent. Please send her the regular monthly reports.—Brady Dennis, district pastor, York, Pa.

Rev. J. W. Clevenger, pastor of the Church of God at Enoree, S. C. on the Spartanburg district, on Friday night during our district convention at the close of the service was informed that his nine-room house, two rooms of which were used as the Church of God, was burned to the ground, leaving absolutely nothing but what his wife and nine children had on.

The Greenville church and the Spartanburg district have rallied to the urgent need of this good man of God and his family, and knowing you good South Carolina people as I do, I know that you would feel slighted if you were not given the privilege to help this family as we are helping them. Therefore, I am running this ad. My suggestion is that you pastors and presidents of the L. W. W. B's who feel impressed to help Brother Clevenger, write to him in order to determine that which he needs most and this will help us to supply his needs in a general way. His address is Rev. J. W. Clevenger, pastor of the Church of God, Enoree, S. C.—Sincerely, J. D. Bright, South Carolina state overseer.

Editorials

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miliar with the story of Mormonism, of King Ben and his House of David colony, of Jesse Strang who built an empire on Beaver Island in Lake Michigan, and of Dr. Teed who founded the Koreshian Unity at Estero, Fla. These are only a few who have used their religious machinations to further their own interests and make themselves great with an organized group of their own.

For men to use things that are divine, or doctrines that are divine, for their own benefit and to forward their own cause, is nothing short of sacrilege. Let holiness people beware, whether it be tithing, divine healing, or any other doctrine that we have given to us in the Word of God, to God must be given all the glory, not to advertize my own interests.

Daily Bread

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Saturday, March 23

"Be instant in season," etc.

Read 2 Tim. 4:1, 2.

There is no standstill in the service of God. The Christian should be always on duty. The duke of Wellington once observing a British standing in a slack manner, asked, "Why do you stand in such an unbecoming attitude?" "Sir," said he, "I am off duty." But the iron duke replied, "The British officer is never off duty, so resume your military standing." The application is a great one for the Christian soldier.

At the Publishing House

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employee of the Church of God, having been with the Publishing House for twenty-two years. She is also a regular employee of the House.

The other people seen in this picture, except your Editor, are extra hands who come in only on the days that the Lighted Pathway and the Evangel are to be mailed out, or during a Sunday School literature rush, as they are needed. All of the employees of this department have salvation and are members of the Church of God. We have had many applications since coming to the office for positions not only in this department but for other departments of the Publishing House, by men and women who have a great desire to work in a place where they do not have to listen to conversations which are repulsive to the Christian but where the very atmosphere is permeated with a religious influence.



OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

CARR

Sister Rachel Emmaline Carr was born March 27, 1890 and died Jan. 26, 1940. She had been a faithful member of the Evarts, Ky. Church of God for nine years.—Her pastor, F. C. Warman.

SHOOP

Brother William A. Shoop, a faithful member of the Church of God at Cross Keys, Pa., departed this life Feb. 6, 1940.—Brady Dennis, district pastor, York, Pa.

WARREN

Sister Ella Warren, a faithful member of the Church of God at Alligood, N. C. for eighteen years, departed this life Feb. 4, 1940; age fifty-eight years.—Florence Woodard.

ADAMS

J. Q. Adams, member of the Church of God, departed this life Aug. 5, 1939; age seventy-seven years.—His granddaughter, Miss Lillian Burnside, Charlotte, N. C.

CHAMBERS

Estelle Chambers, daughter of Brother and Sister George Chambers, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, departed this life Feb. 23, 1940; age thirteen years and eleven months. The bereaved have our sympathy.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Dyer, Rt. 3, Double Springs, Ala.

BRYANT

Sister Margaret Bryant passed away Feb. 16, 1940; age one hundred five years and twelve days.—H. S. Smith, Oak Hill, W. Va.

REPORTS

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nature, yet I am persuaded to believe this one has surpassed them all.

Personally, I believe it has encouraged and inspired many to go back home with new zeal and a greater determination to put a better program over for the Lord by the next convention. We solicit the prayers of each reader. Our next convention will convene, D. V., March 10 at West Asheville, N. C. You are invited to attend.—Ernest Anders, Clyde, N. C.

Pentecostal Showers

LOGAN, W. Va.—Unity and brotherly love continue in our midst for the Holy Ghost power is falling in our regular services and precious souls are praying through to this great blessing.

We thank the Lord for our pastor, Brother Carl R. Cook, and family. He is a real man of God and preaches the Word in its fulness and his messages are soul-inspiring, uplifting and spiritual food. There have been eighteen saved and fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost since the first of January. The Lord is blessing in every department of the church. Our Sunday School is growing; the Lord is wonderfully blessing our Y. P. E. We are proud of our L. W. W. B. which is doing a great work and is a blessing to the church. Our state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother Max L. Atkins, began a revival Feb. 11. Pray that God will give us a great revival.—Letha Vaughan, 214 Dingess St.

Best Little Church

TALLAHALA, Miss.—We thank and praise God for the way He has blessed us at Tallahala. We think it is one of the best little Churches of God in Mississippi. The Lord always meets with us and blesses our souls. We truly thank and praise God for our pastor and family, Brother and Sister Stanley. They are real children of God and have been a great blessing to us. The church has bought a parsonage with two acres of land for our pastor. It looked almost impossible, but praise God, He has provided the way so far. He will always work out things for our good. Brother Stanley is really burdened for lost souls at this place. Pray that God will use him for His glory and for the cause of lost souls. Pray for the saints here to stand true and be a blessing for we feel there is a great work. We are looking forward to a great revival. We want to be a shining light and this place to be a soul-saving station.—Myrtie White, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Brother and Sister Cook Visit Plant City

PLANT CITY, Fla.—We are so happy to report that God is still blessing us with His favors to the extent we too were blessed in having the missionaries from

India to lecture for us. They impressed our people very, very much and we shall always remember the good they did on their visit to our place.

Plant City has just closed a revival with Brother Walter J. Pollard doing the preaching. Several were blessed in many ways. Two received the baptism according to Acts 2:4. The weather here was cold but we believe much good was done. Pray for us.—C. M. Phillips, pastor.

God's Healing Touch Real

NICHOLLS, Ga.—Dear saints of God: I thank each one who joined us in prayer on Jan. 27 in behalf of the healing of little Edna Earl's body. I am glad to report that she has been gradually improving ever since, and we are praising God for His wonderful healing power. It was revealed to four who were present at the healing service that her healing would come gradually, and praise God, it is coming. Already she can sit alone for two or three minutes. I want each one of you to pray earnestly that we may continue to grow in faith and soon see our little one completely healed.

I sent a handkerchief to Cleveland, Tenn. to be anointed for Edna Earl when she was just about one week old. She had yellow jaundice and the doctor or no one else thought she would live, but, praise God, before the handkerchief even got back she was getting better and was soon well of them, for God completely healed her.—Mrs. J. C. White, Rt. 2, Box 147-G.

When our souls ring true to saving truth, our lives will be good witnesses of saving grace to a lost world.

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Illinois—May 2-5.
Indiana—May 10-12.
Minnesota—May 17-19.
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Kentucky—May 30-June 2.
Florida—June 7-8.
Virginia—June 14-16.
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North Carolina—June 20-23.
Ohio—June 27-30.
Michigan—June 27-30.
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Arkansas—July 5-7.
West Virginia—July 11-14.

New Mexico—July 12-14.

Oklahoma—July 19-21.

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Mississippi—August 1-4.

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Texas—August 5-11.

Georgia—August 15-18.

Missouri—August 22-25.

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